

ALBUM REVIEW

FIRST HAND

BY Steven Curtis Chapman

GREG HOWARD

It's been a long time since a new artist came along with their first project and instantly became my favorite. The last time was probably a few years ago with Michael W. Smith and "Project". Well Smitty will just have to move over and make room for Steven Curtis Chapman.

Chapman's new release, "First Hand", is full of exciting and gutsy music. I would compare his style and vocal sound to that of Huey Lewis.

Having written songs for Amy Grant, Sandi Patti, B.J. Thomas and many others, it's no wonder that the quality of all of his songs is so impressive. The excitement and energy never ceases from the very hot "Footloose" type tune, "First Hand", to the soft, gentle, yet convicting ballad, "Do They Know".

My picks from this album are "First Hand", "Weak Days", the first single released; "Hiding Place", a tremendous, comforting ballad; "Run Away", for all of you "Huey" fans; and "Dying To Live", a very lyrically strong song. But, any tune on here would make a great single.

All in all, Steven Curtis Chapman is causing some serious eye-brow lifting, and once you here the contemporary sounds of "First Hand", you'll know why!

BOOK REVIEW

(untitled)

BY Michael W. Smith

GREG HOWARD

This 130 page, untitled work of the present Goliath of Christian music has not yet been released to the public. It is a book written by Smith to address the problems of today's youth.

In it, Smith uses lyrics to some of his most current and popular songs, along with scripture to console, advise, and lift up our teenagers.

In the preface, Smith explains that the basic theme of his latest project, "The Big Picture", is the young person and the battles he faces day to day with peer pressure, low self-esteem, instability, and other obstacles that can hinder a teenager's Christian walk. Therefore, Smith takes songs from "The Big Picture" and uses the lyrics, along with scripture to answer actual letters he has received from young people seeking comfort and advice.

Although the book deals mainly with problems facing teenagers, great insights are given that may be helpful to people of all ages.

Smith's book is scheduled for release in late September and will be available at area Christian bookstores.

I recommend this book to all teenagers and anyone who wants to get the "big picture" of what today's young people are facing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE KINGS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR NEW BABY GIRL.

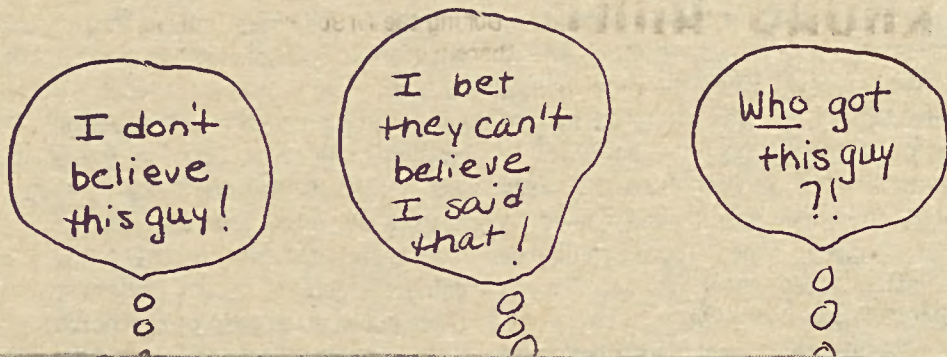
C.S. LEWIS SOCIETY MEETS

The Western North Carolina C.S. Lewis Society is a group of people interested in the writings of C.S. Lewis. Lewis, perhaps the foremost Christian apologist of the twentieth century, was a professor of medieval literature and language at both Oxford and Cambridge. He became a Christian in his late twenties and turned from his rather adamant atheistic early manhood to become a strong defender of the Christian faith and world view.

For example, in Mere Christianity he says that each individual must honestly face the claims of Christ and not try to put Him off by saying that He was only a great moral teacher and not the Son of God: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-- on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg-- or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse."

Lewis wrote a wide variety of literary works from the scholarly to the devotional; his best loved books include, The Screwtape Letters, the Ransom space trilogy, and the ever popular children's series, The Chronicles of Narnia.

The first meeting of the WNC C.S. Lewis Society of the new school year will be on Monday evening, Sept. 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the first floor lounge of the Belk Campus Center. Ron Wheeler, who is completing a dissertation on Lewis at the University of Tennessee, will be the guest speaker and will lead the group in a discussion of Perelandra. All interested students and faculty are invited to attend. Further information is available from Dr. Don King, McLeod 207.



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AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD SEPT. 21 FOR THE PLAY "CATACOMBS" TO BE PERFORMED PARENTS WEEK-END. WATCH BULLITEN BOARDS FOR MORE DETAILS OR SEE MS. MCDONALD.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

WHAT TWO PEOPLE ON M-AC STAFF HAVE RECEIVED THE SAME HONOR AS THE PRESENT PRESIDENT OF THE SCA?

*FIRST PERSON TO HUNT DOWN NANCY NICHOLS AND GIVE THE RIGHT ANSWER WINS A FREE PIZZA IN THE SNACK BAR.

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